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Water systems around state deal with impact of winter storm

OLYMPIA — More Washington residents have been asked to boil their drinking water due to the effects of recent weather conditions on water systems. Boil-water advisories were issued today for systems in Cowlitz, Snohomish, and King Counties. Statewide, more than 8,100 people are affected by boil-water advisories; nearly 900 have no water service at all.

Cowlitz County

A boil-water advisory was issued today for about 200 homes in Kalama, where the water treatment plant has lost some of its capacity to treat water. The City of Kalama is notifying residents in the affected area. Customers are being asked to conserve water.

Snohomish County

The City of Snohomish issued a boil-water advisory late Thursday for about 100 homes because of concerns that a leaking water line would leave them without water. Today, the City of Monroe issued a boil-water advisory for three homes that lost water service after a water main break.

King County

The 122 residents of Cedar Grove Mobile Home Park were advised to boil their drinking water because of rising water in the Cedar River. The park is about 8 miles southeast of Renton.

Meanwhile, there was good news today for the town of Albion in **Whitman County**. The Washington State Department of Health ended a week-long precautionary boil-water advisory today for the town's 618 residents. A power outage caused a loss of water pressure at the community's reservoir. The advisory was issued as a precaution because reduced water pressure can allow contaminants to enter the water system. Tests show the water is safe to drink.

Elsewhere, boil-water advisories remain in effect for water systems in:

- **Pacific County:** South Bend and Naselle.
- **Lewis County:** Morton and Pe Ell.
- **Clallam County:** Crescent Water Association.
- **Kittitas County:** Kittitas County Water District Water #5 (affects nine occupied recreational homes on the north side of the Yakima River).
- **Yakima County:** Hart Creek Summer Homes.

In **Whatcom County**, about 100 customers of the Acme water system are still without water.

Residents in areas with boil-water advisories should boil their tap water for one minute and allow it to cool before using it to drink, make ice, brush teeth, prepare food, or wash dishes. Customers should continue to take this precaution until notified the water is safe to drink.

Private well-owners whose property is flooded should assume the water is contaminated with disease-causing bacteria and parasites and switch to bottled, disinfected or boiled water.

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